

UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN ONTARIO
DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

The Soviet Experiment His 3420F

SYLLABUS Autumn 2012

Time: Thursday 1:30 – 3:30
Classroom: WL 259
Office Hours: Wed 2:30 – 4:00

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Course Description

The rise and fall of the Soviet Union had a profound impact on European and global affairs. Yet for many, Russia remains an enigma. This course examines the USSR from a variety of perspectives. It looks at the diverse peoples who lived in the USSR, the politics, ideology, economic and social issues, and foreign dimensions that shaped their lives. Drawing on the rich primary and secondary sources available, including statements of key actors, diary accounts, documents, as well as literary and cinematographic depictions, it explores the controversies that continue to shape this historical phenomenon.

Regulations

Anti-requisite: the former History 439E

Prerequisite: 1.0 history course at the 2200 level or above.

Important Notice Re: Prerequisites/Antirequisites *Please Note: You are responsible for ensuring that you have successfully completed all course prerequisites, and that you have not taken an antirequisite course. Lack of prerequisites may not be used as a basis for an appeal. If you are found to be ineligible for a course, you may be removed from it at any time and you will receive no adjustment to your fees. This decision cannot be appealed. If you find that you do not have the course prerequisites, it is in your best interest to drop the course well before the end of the add/drop period. Your prompt attention to this matter will not only help protect your academic record, but will ensure that spaces become available for students who require the course in question for graduation.*

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Course Requirements

This course is conducted in seminar format. Students are expected to attend all classes and participate in the discussion based on the weekly readings. Once during the semester each student will be asked to make a seminar presentation and lead the class in discussion. The presentations should not be summaries of the week's readings or book reports. Rather they ought to bring out the main points, issues and problems of each subject and wherever possible, should be linked to other weeks' themes and readings. Oral presentations should be no more than 30 minutes in length. Students will be asked to write one book review due in **week 5**, and one analytical **essay**, 4,000 - 4,500 words in length, due in class on **week 11**. A brief topic proposal for the research paper (including some indication of sources) should be submitted by **week 6**. A film will be screened during the course, attendance is mandatory.

Grades

Grades will be assigned according to the following breakdown:

<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Due Date</u>
seminar	20%	selected topic
book review	10%	week 5: 4 October 2012
class participation	20%	weekly
essay	25%	proposal due week 6: 11 October 2012 essay due week 11: 15 November 2012
Take Home examination	25%	December 2012

Readings

Required:

Kenez, Peter. *A history of the Soviet Union from the beginning to the end* 2nd ed. (Cambridge; New York: Cambridge University Press, 2006)
Remnick, David, *Lenin's Tomb: The Last Days of the Soviet Empire* (Random House, paperback, 1993, 1994)
His 3420F Course Packet of Primary Documents (2010)

Required readings will be available electronically and on reserve at Weldon Library. A course packet of primary sources will be prepared and will be available for purchase at the bookstore. Additional readings may be suggested during the course.

Primary Sources:

Acton, Edward and Tom Stableford (eds.) *The Soviet Union. A Documentary History* (Exeter: University of Exeter Press, 2007)
Carynnyk, Marco et al (eds.) *The Foreign Office and the Famine* (Kingston: Limestone, 1988)
Fitzpatrick, Shiela, (ed.) *Stalinism. New Directions* (London and New York: Routledge, 2000)
Havel, Vaclav, *The Power of the Powerless: Citizens Against the State in East Central Europe* (Cambridge: Granta in Association with Penguin, 1989)
Hogan, Ed (ed.) *From three worlds: new Ukrainian writing* (Zephyr Press, 1996)
Kollontai, Alexandra *Selected writings of Alexandra Kollontai* (translated [from the Russian] with an introduction and commentaries by Alix Holt) (London: Allison and Busby, 1977)
Luckyj, George S. N., (ed.) *Modern Ukrainian Short Stories* Rev. ed. (Englewood, Colo: Ukrainian Academic Press, 1995)
Sakwa, Richard, *The Rise and Fall of the Soviet Union 1917-1991* (London and New York: Routledge, 1999)
Stokes, Gale, *From Stalinism to Pluralism. A Documentary History of Eastern Europe Since 1945.* 2nd ed. (New York: Oxford University Press, 1996)
Suny, Ronald Grigor, *The Structure of Soviet History. Essays and Documents* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2003)
Tucker, Robert C., (ed.) *The Lenin Anthology* (New York: W. W. Norton, 1975)

Recommended:

Alexeyeva, Ludmilla and Paul Goldberg, *The Thaw Generation: Coming of Age in the Post-Stalin Era* (University of Pittsburgh Press, paperback, 1990, 1993)
Daniels, Robert V. *The Rise and Fall of Communism in Russia* (Yale, 2007)
Kuromiya, Hiroaki. *Stalin* (Harlow, England; New York: Pearson/Longman, 2005)
Hosking, Geoffrey. *The first socialist society: a history of the Soviet Union from within* (Cambridge. MA: Harvard University Press, 1993)

- Malia, Martin E. *The Soviet tragedy: a history of socialism in Russia, 1917-1991* (New York: Free Press; Toronto: Maxwell Macmillan Canada; New York: Maxwell Macmillan International, 1994)
- McCauley, Martin, *The Soviet Union 1917-1991*. 2nd ed (London and New York: Longman, 1993)
- Service, Robert, *Comrades! A History of World Communism* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2007)
- Simon, Gerhard. *Nationalism and Policy Towards the Nationalities in the Soviet Union. From Totalitarian Dictatorship to Post-Stalinist Society* Translated by Karen Forster and Oswald Forster. (Boulder, San Francisco, Oxford: Westview Press, 1991)
- Suny, Ronald Grigor, *Revenge of the Past. Nationalism, Revolution and the Collapse of the Soviet Union* (Stanford: Stanford University Press, 1993)
- Suny, Ronald G. *The Soviet Experiment* (Oxford University Press, paperback, 1998)
- Suny, Ronald Grigor (ed.) *The Cambridge History of Russia*. Vol. 3. The Twentieth Century (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2006)
- Suny, Ronald Grigor, *The Structure of Soviet History. Essays and Documents* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2003)
- Sheila Fitzpatrick and Yuri Slezkine, eds., *In the Shadow of the Revolution: Life Stories of Russian Women: From 1917 to the Second World War* (Princeton University Press, paperback, 2000)

Selected Journals

Canadian Slavonic Papers
 Central Asian Survey
 Communist and Post-Communist Studies (formerly Studies in Comparative Communism)
 Communist Economies and Economic Transformation
 Demokratizatsiia
 East European Constitutional Review
 East European Politics and Societies
 Europe-Asia Studies (formerly Soviet Studies)
 Journal of Communist Studies
 Journal of Democracy
 Nationalities Papers
 Post-Soviet Affairs (formerly Soviet Economy)
 Problems of Post-Communism
 Russian History
 Russian Review
 Slavic Review

Selected Electronic Resources

The American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies (AAASS)
<http://www.fas.harvard.edu/~aaass/>

Centre for Russian and East European Studies, University of Birmingham,
<http://www.crees.bham.ac.uk/>

Russian and East European Studies, University of Oxford,
<http://www.rees.ox.ac.uk/>

Center for Russian, East European and Eurasian Studies at Stanford University
<http://creees.stanford.edu/>

Center for Eurasian, Russian and East European Studies (CERES) at Georgetown University
<http://ceres.georgetown.edu/>

Herbert J. Ellison Center for Russian, East European and Central Asian Studies, University of Washington
<http://jsis.washington.edu/ellison/>

Russian and East European Studies, Yale University
http://www.yale.edu/yalecollege/publications/ycps/chapter_iv/russian.html

The Centre for European, Russian, and Eurasian Studies (CERES) at the University of Toronto
<http://www.utoronto.ca/ceres/>

Russian, Eurasian & East European Studies, Columbia University,
<http://www.columbia.edu/cu/lweb/indiv/slavic/index.html>

University of Pittsburg Russian and East European Studies
<http://www.ucis.pitt.edu/crees/>

RFE/RL NEWSLINE. A daily report of developments in Eastern and Southeastern Europe, Russia, the Caucasus and Central Asia prepared by the staff of Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty.

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<http://www.bu.edu/iscip/index.html>

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www.fas.harvard.edu/~hpcws/biblioguide.htm

Week 1. Introduction to the Study of Soviet History

(6 September 2012)

Secondary Sources

Carr, E. H., *What Is History?* 2nd. ed. (Basingstoke: Macmillan, 1986) Chapter 1
Kenez, Peter. *A history of the Soviet Union from the beginning to the end* 2nd ed.
(Cambridge; New York: Cambridge University Press, 2006), Chapter 1
Motyl, Alexander J. "Sovietology in One Country or Comparative Nationality Studies?" in
Slavic Review Vol. 48, No. 1 (Spring 1989)
Remnick, David. *Lenin's Tomb. The Last Days of the Soviet Empire* (New York:
Random House, 1993), Chapter 1

Primary Sources

See discussion in *Slavic Review*, April 1993

Week 2. Library Instruction Session

(13 September 2012)

Please meet at the Reference Desk of Weldon Library

Week 3. The Russian Empire on the Eve of Revolution and the 1917 Revolutions

(20 September 2012)

Secondary Sources

Smith, S. A., "The Revolutions of 1917-1918," in Ronald Grigor Suny, (ed.) *The Cambridge History of Russia*. Vol. 3. The Twentieth Century (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2006), Chapter 4.
Kenez, Peter. *A history of the Soviet Union from the beginning to the end* 2nd ed.
(Cambridge; New York: Cambridge University Press, 2006), Chapter 2.

Primary Sources

"The Emergence of Bolshevism," "Early Critics of Lenin," "1905 and Beyond," "The Intelligentsia and Revolution," in Richard Sakwa, *The Rise and Fall of the Soviet Union 1917-1991* (London and New York: Routledge, 1999):
pp. 5-22
Lenin, V. I., "What Is To Be Done?" (excerpt) in Sakwa, pp. 6-8, full text in Robert C. Tucker, (ed.) *The Lenin Anthology* (New York: W. W. Norton, 1975), pp. 12 – 114)
Lenin, V. I., "One Step Forward, Two Steps Backwards," (excerpt) in Sakwa, pp. 8-9
Lenin, V. I., "On Democratic Centralism," in Sakwa, pp. 16-17
Lenin, V. I., "On Party Mindedness," in Sakwa, pp. 135-16
Luxemburg, Rosa, "Leninism or Marxism?" in Sakwa, pp. 10-11

"Order No. 1," in Ronald Grigor Suny, *The Structure of Soviet History. Essays and Documents* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2003) pp. 32-35
Trotsky, Leon, "Our Political Tasks," in Sakwa, pp. 11-12
Trotsky, Leon, "Permanent Revolution," in Sakwa, pp. 14-15
Tsereteli at the First Congress of Soviets, in Sakwa, pp. 38-39

Week 4. Civil War and War Communism

(27 September 2012)

Secondary Sources

Evtukhov, Catherine, David Goldfrank, Lindsey Hughes and Richard Stites, *A History of Russia: Peoples, Legends, Events, Forces* (Boston and New York: Houghton Mifflin Company: 2004), Chapter 31
Malia, Martin E. *The Soviet tragedy: a history of socialism in Russia, 1917-1991* (New York: Free Press; Toronto: Maxwell Macmillan Canada; New York: Maxwell Macmillan International, 1994), Chapters 3 and 4.

Primary Sources

"Dissolution of the Constituent Assembly," in Suny, pp. 67-73
Establishment of the Secret Police, in Sakwa, pp. 74-75
Trotsky and the Red Army, in Sakwa, p. 81
Kautsky on the Russian Revolution, in Sakwa, pp. 91-94
Khvylovy, Mykola, "My Being," in George S. N. Luckyj (ed.) *Modern Ukrainian Short Stories* Rev. ed. (Englewood, Colo: Ukrainian Academic Press, 1995)

Week 5. The Non-Russians

(4 October 2012)

BOOK REVIEW DUE IN CLASS

Secondary Sources

Suny, Ronald G. *The Soviet Experiment* (Oxford University Press, paperback, 1998), Chapter 4
Martin, Terry, "An Affirmative Action Empire: The Soviet Union as the Highest Form of Imperialism," in Ronald Grigor Suny and Terry Martin (eds.), *A State of Nations. Empire and Nation – Making in the Age of Lenin and Stalin* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2001), Part I, p. 67
Smith, Jeremy, "The Non-Russians in the Soviet Union and After," in Ronald Grigor Suny, (ed.) *The Cambridge History of Russia. Vol. 3. The Twentieth Century* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2006), Chapter 18

Primary Sources

Lenin, V. I., "Communism and the East: Theses on the National and Colonial Questions;" "Against Great Russian Chauvinism," in Tucker, pp. 619-625
Lenin, V. I., "Against Great Russian Chauvinism," in Tucker, pp. 659-660
"Nationalism, Imperialism and the Great War," in Sakwa, pp. 23-31

Week 6. The Crisis of War Communism and NEP

(11 October 2012)

ESSAY PROPOSAL DUE IN CLASS

Secondary Sources

Ball, Alan, "Building a New State and Society: NEP 1921-1928," in in Ronald Grigor Suny, (ed.) *The Cambridge History of Russia*. Vol. 3. The Twentieth Century (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2006), Chapter 6.
Kenez, Peter. *A history of the Soviet Union from the beginning to the end* 2nd ed. (Cambridge; New York: Cambridge University Press, 2006), Chapter 3.

Primary Sources

Lenin, "Communism and the New Economic Policy," in Tucker, pp. 518-533
"On the Replacement of Requisitioning by a Tax in Kind," Lenin on the "Tax in Kind,"
"Lenin puts NEP in Perspective," in Sakwa, pp. 127-131
Lenin, V. I., "Letter to the Congress, 23-31 December 1922," (Lenin's Testament), in Suny, pp. 118-123 (Not in course reader)

Week 7. Revolution from Above

(18 October 2012)

Secondary Sources

Kuromiya, Hiroaki. *Stalin* (Harlow, England; New York: Pearson/Longman, 2005), Chapter 3, Battle Royale, pp. 58-73, Chapter 4, Revolution from Above
Malia, Martin, "The Soviet Tragedy: A History of Socialism in Russia. The Stalin Question," in Hoffmann, David L. (ed.) *Stalinism: the essential readings* (Malden, MA: Blackwell, 2003)
Kenez, Peter. *A history of the Soviet Union from the beginning to the end* 2nd ed. (Cambridge; New York: Cambridge University Press, 2006), Chapter 4.
Suny, Ronald Grigor, *The Structure of Soviet History. Essays and Documents* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2003), pp. 151-164 (not in course reader)

Primary Sources

Stalin, "On Leninism, the Party and Dictatorship," in Sakwa, pp. 164-166
Correspondence between Kamenev and Bukharin, 11 July 1928, Voroshilov and Orjonikidze 8 Jun 1929, Stalin to V and O on 30 Sept 1929, in Suny, pp. 137-141
Stalin, "On the Tasks of Workers in the Economy," 4 Feb 1931, in Suny, pp. 294-295
(not in course reader)

Week 8. FILM: Harvest of Despair (1985, Canada)

(25 October 2012)

This film documents the Ukrainian terror famine of 1932--33, which caused the deaths of 7,000,000 people. Using interviews with survivors and scholars to supplement rare photographic evidence, it established that the terror famine was deliberately created by the Soviet Government as part of Stalin's decades-long effort to destroy the Ukrainian peasantry, who resisted the forced collectivization of their lands. Since its original release, it has received many international awards (including an Academy Award nomination) and has been featured on William F. Buckley's Firing Line program on the PBS television network. A powerful film, Harvest of Despair provides rare insight into one of this century's least-known but most vicious genocides.

Week 9. Famine and Terror

(1 November 2012)

Secondary Sources

Kenez, Peter. *A history of the Soviet Union from the beginning to the end* 2nd ed. (Cambridge; New York: Cambridge University Press, 2006), Chapter 5
Lemkin, Rafael, "Soviet Genocide in Ukraine," *Journal of International Criminal Justice* 2009 7(1):123-130, also introduction by Roman Serbyn, "Lemkin on the Ukrainian Genocide,"
Remnick, 62-69, 105-115, 127-140
Snyder, Timothy. *Bloodlands: Europe Between Hitler and Stalin* (New York: Basic Books, 2010), Preface, The Soviet Famines

Primary Sources

Pashkovskyi, Yevhen, Short Story, in Ed Hogan (ed.) *From three worlds: new Ukrainian writing* (Zephyr Press, 1996)
Tour by Mr. W. Duranty in North Caucasus and the Ukraine: William Strang (Moscow) to Sir John Simon, 26 September 1933, in Marco Carynnyk et al (eds.) *The Foreign Office and the Famine* (Kingston: Limestone, 1988), Document 50, pp. 309-313
The Great Terror in Sakwa, pp. 211- 214
Kravchenko, Victor, "Horror in the Village," from *I Chose Freedom*, in Suny
Mandelstam, Nadezhda, "A May Night," in Suny, pp. 232-240

Week 10. Women, Family, Culture, Class, Education and Everyday Life
(8 November 2012)

Secondary Sources

- Engel, Barbara Alpern, *Women in Russia, 1700-2000* (Cambridge, U.K.; New York: Cambridge University Press, 2004), Chapters 7, 8
- McCauley, Martin, *The Soviet Union 1917-1991*. 2nd ed. (London and New York: Longman, 1993), pp. 127-131
- Fitzpatrick, Sheila, "The Bolshevik Invention of Class: Marxist Theory and the Making of 'Class Consciousness' in Soviet Society," in Ronald Grigor Suny, *The Structure of Soviet History. Essays and Documents* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2003), p. 164.
- Von Geldern, James, "The Politics of Culture, 1900 – 1945," in Ronald Grigor Suny, (ed.) *The Cambridge History of Russia*. Vol. 3. The Twentieth Century (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2006), Chapter 21

Primary Sources

- "The Code of Laws on Marriage, Divorce and the Family and Guardianship, 19 November 1926," in Suny, pp. 130-137 (not in course reader)
- "Cultural Transformation," in Sakwa, pp. 191-198
- Hellbeck, Jochen, "Fashioning the Stalinist Soul. The Diary of Stepan Podlubnyi, 1931-1939," in Sheila Fitzpatrick (ed.) *Stalinism. New Directions* (London and New York: Routledge, 2000), pp. 77-116
- Lenin, "On the Emancipation of Women," in Tucker, pp. 679-799
- Selected writings of Alexandra Kollontai* (translated [from the Russian] with an introduction and commentaries by Alix Holt) (London : Allison and Busby, 1977)
- "On Teaching of Civic History in the Schools of the USSR," Decree of the Council of People's Commissars of the USSR, 16 May 1934, in Suny, pp. 228-229

Week 11. The Outside World, War, Expansion, Reconstruction and The Cold War
(15 November 2012)

ESSAY DUE IN CLASS

Secondary Sources

- Kenez, Peter. *A history of the Soviet Union from the beginning to the end* 2nd ed. (Cambridge; New York: Cambridge University Press, 2006), Chapters 6, 7
- Kennan, George, "X" Article, "The Sources of Soviet Conduct," *Foreign Affairs* (July 1947)
- Marples, David R. *Motherland: Russia in the 20th century* (Harlow: Longman, 2002), Chapter 6.
- Remnick, pp. 3-23, 86-100, 389-411

Week 11. (con't) The Outside World, War, Expansion, Reconstruction and The Cold War

Primary Sources

Churchill, Excerpts from the Iron Curtain Speech, Stalin Interview in Pravda, Acton, pp. 199-205

Churchill, "The Percentages Agreement," in Gale Stokes, *From Stalinism to Pluralism. A Documentary History of Eastern Europe Since 1945*. 2nd ed. (New York: Oxford University Press, 1996), pp. 31-32

"Order No. 270," in Edward Acton and Tom Stableford (eds.) *The Soviet Union. A Documentary History* (Exeter: University of Exeter Press, 2007), pp. 76-79

Stalin's Interview with Roy Howard in the Scripps-Howard Publication, 1936, Suny, pp. 295-297 (not in course reader)

Stalin's Radio Broadcast of 3 July 1941 in Sakwa, pp. 254-255

"The Truman Doctrine and the Two Camp Policy," in Stokes, pp. 33-42

"What is the Ukrainian Insurgent Army Fighting For?" in Acton, pp. 189-190

Week 12. Revisionism and Decline: Khrushchev and Brezhnev

(22 November 2012)

Secondary Sources

Dziuba, Ivan, *Internationalism of Russification. A Study in the Soviet Nationalities Problem* 2nd ed. in English: Pref. by Peter Archer. Edited by M. Davies. (London: Weidenfeld and Nicolson, 1970), Letter to P. Yu. Shelest and V. V. Shcherbyts'kyi and Introduction

Kenez, Peter. *A history of the Soviet Union from the beginning to the end* 2nd ed. (Cambridge; New York: Cambridge University Press, 2006), Chapters 8, 9.

Remnick, pp. 270-276

Primary Sources

"The Brezhnev Doctrine," in Stokes, pp. 131-134

Burlatskii, Fedor, "Brezhnev and the End of the Thaw," in Suny, pp. 379-385

Decline in Economic growth, the Novosibirsk Report, in Acton, pp. 285-290

Djilas, Milovan, "The New Class," in Stokes, pp. 100-106 (not in course reader)

Excerpts from Khrushchev's Secret Speech, in Acton pp. 308-310,

The Fall of Khrushchev, in Acton, pp. 319-320

"From a KGB report on Dissidents, 21 December 1970," in Acton, pp. 358-359

Havel, Vaclav, *The Power of the Powerless: Citizens Against the State in East Central Europe* (Cambridge: Granta in Association with Penguin, 1989), Ch 1

Week 13. The Gorbachev Factor and Collapse

(29 November 2012)

Secondary Sources

Kenez, Peter. *A history of the Soviet Union from the beginning to the end* 2nd ed.

(Cambridge; New York: Cambridge University Press, 2006), Chapter 10

Malia, Martin (Z) "To the Stalin Mausoleum," in *Daedalus*, Vol. 119, No. 1 (1990); also in Alexander Dallin and Gail W. Lapidus (eds.) *The Soviet System. From Crisis to Collapse* 2nd. rev. ed. (Boulder, Colo., San Francisco and Oxford: Westview Press, 1995) – available on-line

Remnick, 216-233, 234-247, 342-340, 451-474

Primary Sources

"The August Coup," and "The End of the USSR," in Suny, pp. 456-475 (not in course reader)

Gorbachev's Speech to the United Nations, 1988, Perestroika, Glasnost, in Acton, pp. 378-381, 386-399

Havel, Vaclav, New Year's Day Speech 1990 in Stokes, pp. 249-253

Soviet Moves to Thwart Lithuania, The August Putsch, Emergency Committee Appeal, Yeltsin's Appeal, Joint Declaration, Gorbachev's 25 December 1991 Broadcast, in Acton, 426-428, 444-445, 447-449, 450-452, 456, 460

If you or someone you know is experiencing distress, there are several resources here at Western to assist you. Please visit <http://www.uwo.ca/uwocom/mentalhealth/> for more information on these resources and on mental health.

Please contact the course instructor if you require material in an alternate format or if you require any other arrangements to make this course more accessible to you. You may also wish to contact Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD) at 661-2111 x 82147 for any specific question regarding an accommodation.

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If you have any further questions or concerns please contact, Rebecca Dashford, Undergraduate Program Advisor, Department of History, 519-661-2111 x84962 or rdashfo@uwo.ca